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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WIRELESS FILE CARRIED ONLY EXCERPTS OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM ON FOREIGN POLICY, AND WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET FACTUAL QUESTIONS ABOUT VARIOUS POINTS FROM SOVIETS. COULD SOMEONE POUCH US FULL TEXT? DITTO REPUBLICAN PLATFORM WHEN IT ISSUED.
  2. RE STATE 174953, I AM PUSHING HARD FOR REPLY AND HAVE BEEN PROMISED ONE NO LATER THAN NEXT TUESDAY. GIVEN RECORD, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO COUNT ON THIS, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST TO KEEP PRESSURE ON FOR RESPONSE.
  3. I AM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH LAXITY USIA HAS SHOWN IN PROVIDING FOR DOCTOR AT EXHIBIT AT TIMES WHEN GUIDES ARE ON THE SPOT (COVERAGE BETWEEN CITIES OF COURSE NOT NECESSARY). IN PAST I HAD BEEN SYMPATHETIC WITH PROBLEM OF FINDING DOCTORS WHO WERE WILLING TO STAY FOR PERIODS NECESSARY, BUT LEARNED FROM DOCTOR ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO EXHIBIT THAT HE DEPARTED WHEN HE DID (DAY OF KIEV OPENING\*) MERELY BECUASE USIA HAD NOT WRITTEN LONGER CONTRACT. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN WILLING TO STAY MUCH LONGER. SOMEONE SHOULD IMPRESS ON STAFF WHICH MAKES ARRANGEMENTS THAT ASSIGNMENT OF DOCTOR IS ESSENTIAL; THEY DON'T SEND EXHIBITS
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WITHOUT GUIDES OR DIRECTOR, AND DOCTOR SHOULD HAVE SAME PRIORITY. (ONE MIGHT RECALL IRKUTSK EVACUATION OF A FEW YEARS

BACK AND DEATH OF GUIDE IN VOLGOGRAD; IF WE HAVE ANOTHER SUCH TRAGEDY AND NO US DOCTOR PRESENT, EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH ARRANGING EXHIBITS IS GOING TO BE VERY VULNERABLE INDEED.)

4. INCIDENTALLY, CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN EXCLUSIVELY USIAC, WHICH I STILL FIND VERY DIFFICULT TO SWALLOW. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO INSURE THAT, AT LEAST, DR. JOHNSON WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN MOSCOW DURING GAPS. AS IT IS, DR. JOHNSON IS GOING TO BE AWAY IN AUGUST AND WE WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF POSSIBLE GAP IN TIME TO PLAN EMERGENCY COVERAGE. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO SOMEONE IN KIEV THERE WILL BE NO REPT NO US PHYSICIAN IN USSR TO PROVIDE ADVISE AND ASSISTANCE. I, AT LEAST, FIND THIS A TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE RISK-AND ONE WHICH WAS CLEARLY AVOIDABLE BY PROPER ADVANCE PLANNING. (LATEST COMMUNICATION IS USIA 22359.)

5. DID ANYONE TALK TO FARRAND AFTER WE SENT COMMENT RE HOUSING IN MOSCOW 10786? TRACY HAS LETTER DATED JULY 10 REITERATING POINTS CONVEYED IN STATE 167118, WHICH WE PRESUME CROSSED WITH OUR COMMENT. IT APPEARS FROM LETTER THAT CHILDREN OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE ARE NOT COMING THIS SUMMER, BUT THIS POINT IS STILL NOT TOTALLY CLEAR. IN EFFECT, WE HAVE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE REQUESTS ON HIS PART: (1) HE WANTS REPRESENTATION APARTMENT ADEQUATE FOR SUMMER VISITS OF CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE. FACT IS THAT LOEBNER APARTMENT IS ONLY RPT ONLY ONE WE HAVE WHICH MEETS THESE CRITERIA, BUT IT REQUIRES A WAT UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER. (2) HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO INTO TEMPORARY QUARTERS. FACT IS THAT HE WILL HAVE TO GO INTO TEMPORARY QUARTERS IN ANY EVENT (OR FORCE AN EARLIER ARRIVAL TO DO SO), BUT TIME THERE COULD BE SHORTENED BY SEVERAL WEEKS IF HE DESIRES NON-PRESENTATIONAL APARTMENT. WE WILL MOVE IN EITHER DIRECTION HE WISHES, BUT WE CAN'T PRODUCE WHAT DOESN'T EXIST. IF ANYONE IS IN TOUCH WITH HIM, SOME ADVANCE INDICATION OF HIS PREFERENCES, WITHIN THE ACTUAL POSSIBILITIES, WOULD BE HELPFUL, AS WOULD A CONCRETE INDICATION AS TO WHETHER CHILDREN OF FIRST MARRIAGE WILL BE COMING THIS SUMMER, AND IF SO WHEN.  
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